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ALCHEMICAL GIRL
A.K.A. QUEEGA SEMK
HOMEWORLD: PHLON
ABILITIES: CATALYZE CHEMICAL REACTIONS
CHEMICAL KID
A.K.A.: HADRU JAMIK
HOMEWORLD: PHLON
ABILITIES: CATALYZE CHEMICAL REACTIONS
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CAN'T HAVE MY POWERS-- THEY'RE UNIQUE.
OOOOOH...
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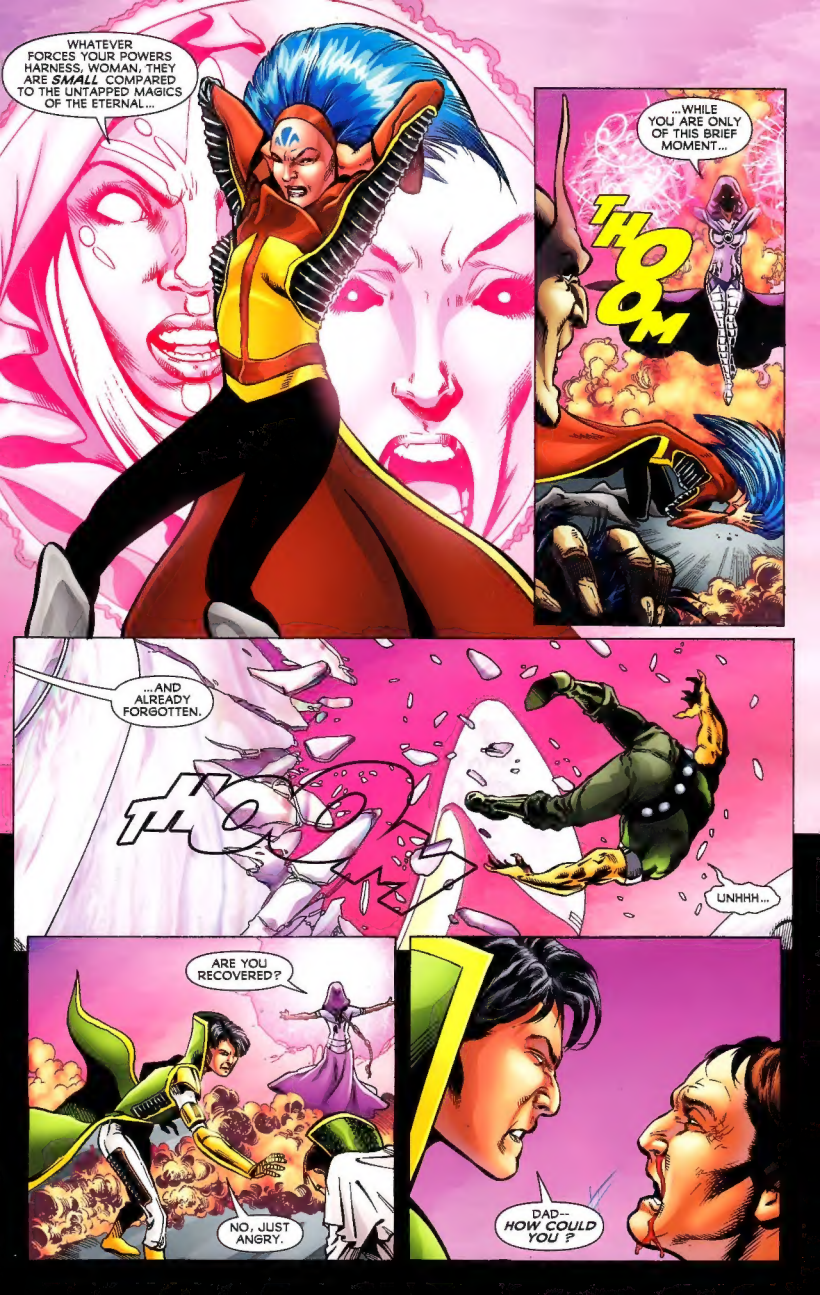
DAD?
WHAT IN THE HELIX IS GOING ON HERE?
NO... TALK.
URK
LOOKS LIKE YOUR DADDY LIED TO YOU--
--ABOUT EVERYTHING!
ZZZAPP
SLEEP TIGHT, WITH ALL YOUR FRIENDS.
NO.
MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE CONFUSES ME, HADRU--
--BUT I HAVE BEEN AWAKENED FROM AFAR TO PROTECT YOU, MY FRIEND.*
GLORITH
HOMEWORLD: UNKNOWN
ABILITIES: MANIPULATE MAGICAL ENERGIES
*CHECK OUT THE SECOND STORY IN THIS ISSUE FOR MORE ON THAT!


WHATEVER FORCES YOUR POWERS HARNESS, WOMAN, THEY ARE *SMALL* COMPARED TO THE UNTAPPED MAGICS OF THE ETERNAL...
...WHILE YOU ARE ONLY OF THIS BRIEF MOMENT...
THOOM
...AND ALREADY FORGOTTEN.
THOOM
UNHHH...
ARE YOU RECOVERED?
NO, JUST ANGRY.
DAD-- *HOW COULD YOU ?*

COULD YOU BRIEF US ON THE SCIENCE POLICE'S "TEST" SCENARIO, LIEUTENANT?
THE STARPORT LOOKS PRETTY CALM COMPARED TO WHEN THE LEGION USUALLY GETS CALLED IN.
NIGHT GIRL
AKA: LYDIA JAYH
HOMEWORLD: KATHOON
ABILITIES: SUPER-STRENGTH
ACTIVATED IN DARKNESS
COSMIC BOY
AKA: ROKK KRINN
HOMEWORLD: BRAAL
ABILITIES: MAGNETISM
MANIPULATION
INFORMATION INDICATES THIS SHIP'S CREW ARE ACTUALLY SMUGGLERS, TAKING ANIMALS FROM THE GENETIC PRESERVATION RESERVE OFFWORLD...
...AND SINCE WE WANT TO STOP THEM WITHOUT HARMING THE CARGO, IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD TEST FOR YOUR SENIORS--AS NIGHT GIRL REQUESTED.
IT'S TIME THESE TWO GRADUATED, ROKK--AND TO DECIDE IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THEIR DREAMS COME TRUE.
WE DON'T ALL GET OUR DREAMS, LYDDA.

OR KNOW HOW TO HOLD ONTO THEM...
...BUT MAYBE THESE KIDS ARE SMARTER THAN YOU.
LYDDA...
DO I...?
RIGHT. LIEUTENANT POZNER...
...LET MY KIDS SHOW OFF.
LAMPREY
AKA: TAYLA SCOTT
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: UNDERWATER SURVIVAL, ABSORPTION/PROJECTION OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY
POWER BOY
A.K.A: JEDIDIAH RIKANE
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: PERSONAL DENSITY CONTROL
SSHHH...
SHUSH YOURSELF, BOY.
THIS IS A SENIOR EXAM--NOT A KIDDIE DRILL.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TEST IS, LAMPREY.
SMUGGLERS WITH ORGANICS WAS THE "TIP"--COULD BE ORGAN BOOTLEGGERS.
WHATEVER.
LET'S GO!
KAKLOOM
DAMN!

HUH?
TAYLA-- DOWN!
THUKKA
S.P.s? NO UNIFORMS. COULD BE LEGIONNAIRES.
NOT HIDING LIKE THAT.
TH- THOSE--
TEMPER. REMEMBER DURGO'S SPEECH ON COOL IN ACTION--
YEAH-- TELL HIM THAT!
WHAMMM

TEST'S OVER--I'LL CALL IN BACKUP TO SEDATE THE ANIMALS.
GIVE THEM A MINUTE, LIEUTENANT.
YOU ALWAYS WERE WILLING TO WAIT, ROKK... SOMETIMES TOO LONG.
THIS TIME I AGREE, THOUGH.
THUKKA
I'LL GO FOR THE SMUGGLERS--CAN YOU QUIET DOWN THE BIG ONE?
I'LL TRY.
SO HOW MUCH OF A CHANGE WILL KNOCK YOU OUT, AND NOT LEAVE EARTH WITHOUT ITS HERITAGE?
EASY, PRECIOUS...

YOU GAVE AWAY MY GENE MOD TO COVER YOUR GAMBLING DEBTS?
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ALL MINE!
IT WAS MY ONLY WAY OUT.
THEY CUT OFF MY CREDIT, TOOK EVERYTHING--THEN THEY WERE GOING TO KILL ME.
AFTER BLACK MACE BROKE EVERY BONE IN MY BODY.
I HAD TO DO WHAT THEY WANTED.
YOU COULD HAVE CALLED IN THE S.P.s...
RIGHT. AND THE SECOND THEY STOPPED PAYING ATTENTION...
...CRUNCH.
GRAVITY KID
A.K.A: TEL VOLE
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: CHANGE PERSONAL GRAVITY OR NEARBY GRAVITY
DRAGONWING
A.K.A. MARYA PAI
HOMEWORLD: EARTH
ABILITIES: FIREBREATH AND ACID VENOM

THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE STOPPED UNTIL THEY HAD A WHOLE GENE MOD GANG LIKE LITTLE MISS FASHION STATEMENT HERE.
GIVES ME HEARTBURN.
HSSSS
WE SHOULD JUST KILL THEM.
WE CAN'T...
I COULD.
I'VE GOT NO USE FOR DURGO'S PETTY RULES, BUT "DO NOT KILL" IS A BIGGIE, NOT A BUREAUCRAT'S FANTASY.
WE'RE TRAINING TO BE HEROES, RIGHT?
THERE'S A BETTER WAY.

I THOUGHT I TAUGHT YOU BETTER THAN THAT, LAMPREY.
FWHIP
WHOA....
I USED TO MISJUDGE MY MAGNETIC FORCE WHEN I STARTED, TOO. TAKES PRACTICE, LYDDA--
--IT'S NOT AS NATURAL AS USING PHYSICAL MUSCLES.
IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT PRACTICE.
GO, GIRL!
KRACKLE
THEY'RE VERY RESILIENT.
THEY'VE BEEN AT THE ACADEMY LONG ENOUGH THAT IF ANYTHING COULD HAVE TEMPTED THEM TO QUIT, THEY'D BE LONG GONE.
WHAMMM
CAREFUL, JEDIDIAH!
OVER-CONFIDENT
ARRRGH!

CARELESS, I'D CALL IT.
HE SHOULD HAVE USED THAT MANEUVER FIRST.
THERE-- HE'S GOT THEM NOW!
WHERE'D HE GO?
WHOMP
HOOM
THAT'S IT.

THE KIDS DID WELL, LYDDA--BUT THEY'RE NOT FOR THE LEGION.
LAMPREY'S ELECTRICAL POWERS AREN'T IN LEAGUE WITH GARTH AND AYLA'S, OR REALLY STRONG ENOUGH FOR SOME OF WHAT WE FACE...AND POWER BOY'S NOT THAT DISTINCTIVE, EITHER.
THEY'D BE GREAT FOR SCIENCE POLICE SPECIAL SQUADS, THOUGH.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS LEGION MATERIAL EITHER, ROKK.
DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN.
DON'T FIGHT OVER THE KIDS--I'LL RECOMMEND THEM TO THE CHIEF FOR HER NEW TAKRON-GALTOS SECURITY TEAM.
TIRED OF CALLING THE LEGION IN FOR BREAKOUTS.
BESIDES, DON'T YOU HAVE MORE WHERE THESE KIDS CAME FROM?
next: YEP, THEY SURE DO.

"Our world of magic seems so quiet without the tireless music of your voice, Glorith, and has grown dark and ominous lately...
"Lady Mysa has not shown herself for days, and the air grows chill without her warmth. Can you not come home and play?"
THE DARKNESS
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"We miss you."
WHAT DID GLORITH SAY, HARLAK?
IT IS NOT SO SIMPLE, SPRITE.
EVEN LADY MYSA'S ENCHANTMENT DOES NOT LINK OUR SCROLLS SWIFTLY... BUT HAVE NO FEAR...
GLORITH WILL READ OUR MESSAGE SOON...

BLOK
HOMEWORLD DRYAD
ABILITIES
SUPER-STRENGTH
DURABILITY
WILL YOU COME BACK UP THE SHAFT SOON, MYSA... OR DOES IT DESCEND TO THE CENTER OF THIS SHIFTING WORLD OF YOURS?
JOYOUS AS IT HAS BEEN TO BE HERE WITH YOU, I FIND THE SORCERER'S WORLD AS INCOMPREHENSIBLE AS EVER.
ARE THE LAWS OF NATURE TRULY SUPERSEDED HERE?
OR DOES ALL NATURE BEND TO YOUR COMMANDS?
MYSA RETURNS?
NOT YET, SYRI.
THERE IS NO LIGHT I CAN SEE...

THE BLACK WITCH
AKA MYSANAL
HOMEWORLD NALTOR
ABILITIES MANIPULATE MAGICAL ENERGIES
IT IS SAFER FOR ME HERE, WHERE I CAN PULL THE WALLS DOWN AND ENTOMB MYSELF WITH MORDRU'S DEMON SPIRIT IF IT BREAKS LOOSE.
BETTER ETERNITY TRAPPED WITH HIM, THAN A WORLD WITH HIS DARKNESS LOOSE.
HE STIRS. EVER SINCE THE BLUE FLAME BEGAN TO SPREAD.
SOMETHING WICKED WALKS THE WORLDS, AND CALLS TO HIM...
OOOHH...
DAMN YOU, MORDRU, SLEEP!
I CANNOT DO THIS ALONE, NOT IN THE SHADOW OF THE BLUE FLAME.

ANCIENT DEBTS MUST BE REPAID...AS MY TEACHERS AND I HAVE HELPED OTHERS, NOW I MUST TURN FOR HELP...
...AND WHAT WAS FREELY GIVEN NEEDS BE FREELY RETURNED, STRENGTH FOR STRENGTH, POWER FOR POWER...
...PURE LIGHT, UNCORRUPTED.
CALL TO THE GREAT ONES, BRIGHT BEAMS, AND BRING ME COMFORT.
SWIFTLY... OWWW...

AHH...THE ETERNAL POWERS ARE KIND.
ORANDO... VENTURA... EARTH...
...EVEN THE FAR SURVIVORS TOUCHED BY THE SOURCE...
BLESS YOU ALL.
BUT WHERE IS MY PRECIOUS GLORITH? I WAS SURE HERS WOULD BE THE SWIFTEST AND MOST GENEROUS GIFT...
NO! MY CHILD.
YOU NEED THE HELP MORE THAN I. IT APPEARS... NO MATTER THE PRICE I MAY HAVE TO PAY.
YOU ARE THE FUTURE...
LIVE, MY CHILD, AND LET THOSE WITH YOU SHARE MY STRENGTH AND PROTECT YOU!

ARRGHHH...
FREE...
MORDRU
HOMEWORLD: SORCERER'S WORLD
ABILITIES: MASTER OF DARK MAGIC
ARRGHHH...
NO.

YOU HAVE COURAGE, BUT I HAVE TOUCHED YOUR SPIRIT FROM WITHIN--
--YOU CANNOT WITHSTAND ME.
YOUR TIME IN THE WORLD IS *OVER*, OLD MAGE.
IF I MUST MAKE THIS MY TOMB, IT SHALL CERTAINLY BE *YOURS*, MORDRU!
NOOO....

THE MAGIC OF WOMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN HOLDING LIFE WITHIN. AND BY MY ANCESTORS, I WILL HOLD YOURS...
I HAVE GUARDED THE CHILD, AND IMPRISONED THE BEAST...
...AND WHATEVER POWER THE BLUE FLAME LENT HIM, IT DOES NO MORE.
PERHAPS IT TROUBLES ANOTHER CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE...
...BUT I HAVE DONE WHAT I MUST.
SO NOW I CAN REST, MY LOVE...
MYSA!
IT IS OVER, DEAR ONE...FOR NOW...
AT LEAST FOR NOW...

# NEXT ISSUE: A SPOTLIGHT ON XS!

## AND THE RETURN OF FORMER LEGION ARTISTS JEFFREY & PHILIP MOY!

BRIAN CUNNINGHAM EDITOR & DARREN SHAN ASSISTANT EDITOR

**Happy April, Legion fans! We received such a deluge of mail regarding LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #1 that we are devoting this entire letters column to it! Let's get started…**

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*Greetings from bonnie Scotland!*

*Thank you so much for LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #1. It was a joy and a pleasure to see the Levitz/Giffen team of my teenage years work their magic on the 31st century one more time. Great stuff. This is what comics should be about.*

*Martin O'Connor*
*Glasgow, Scotland*

**We couldn't agree more, Martin! Keith is welcome to visit the 31st century anytime. But he's pretty busy at the moment co-plotting and pencilling THE OUTSIDERS, among other upcoming surprises. Maybe he can squeeze in another LEGION ANNUAL down the road.**

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*Dear LSH,*
*I have been anticipating the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #1 for weeks now.*

*I enjoyed getting more insight into the Vi/Ayla relationship, and I appreciate Jackie's taking some time out to get Orando back in order. I hope she won't be away from the book too long, though. Sensor Girl will be missed in the Legion.*

*This seemed to be an insignificant reemergence for the Emerald Eye. I hope I'm wrong about that. The backstory for Falyce didn't seem to have any real forward direction.*

*Jeff Mitchell*
*Mechanicsburg, PA*

**Never discount the Emerald Eye. In fact, Mr. Levitz is kibitzing on a sequel to this very story. When/where it will show up…stay tuned.**

*Hey, Legionnaires!*

*Just finished the new LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL. Really great stuff in here, guys. The classic Legion team from its heyday is back and in fine form, and I am loving every minute of it. I was sad to see the new Emerald Empress gone so soon, but at least the Eye escaped to find another host. Let's hope the next time it results in a new Fatal Five! They're the best of the Legion's rogues, and I'm sure I am not alone in hoping they return soon.*

*Thanks for the great read!*

*Scott Coles*
*Stratford, ON, CANADA*

**The Fatal Five "aren't in the current story arc," says Mr. Levitz, "but I'm a big fan of them and I'd love to find the right tale to tell."**

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*I loved the LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL so much that I may be picking up some of Paul's recent stints on the characters. I haven't read a proper Legion title since "The Quiet Darkness" (way back when), and I loved being able to drop back in and feel like I hadn't missed anything.*

*That said, a request: The one downer for me in this issue was the Sensor Girl uniform. The sleeveless arms and the gratuitous cleavage shown in several panels would be unseemly perhaps for a former queen of Orando.*

*I was amused, though, by the variations in the Sensor Girl uniform throughout the issue. I hope that when next we see her, she looks more like she does on pages 19 (though without the mysteriously billowing sleeve), 30 and 38 (bottom left panel). And much less like she does on page 21.*

*Sean*
*Los Angeles, CA*

**Duly noted on Sensor Girl's outfit. Her next journey has only just begun, so who knows how she'll look in the coming months…**

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*Dear Paul, Keith and gang,*

*The LEGION ANNUAL was totally amazing! As a longtime Sensor Girl/Emerald Empress fan, I was overjoyed to see their battle blast away on Orando. I thought the action and character interaction were some of the best since Paul Levitz returned to the Legion. For the first time in a long time, I felt like I was with old friends. I also hope you expand on the relationship between Violet and Lightning Lass. And please, please, please don't keep Sensor Girl away too long!!!*

*Rod Keck*
*Norman, OK*

**Violet and Lightning Lass aren't going anywhere for the foreseeable future. And, given what we saw at the end of the ANNUAL, Violet's next story could be a doozy!**

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*I started reading LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES when I found out that Paul Levitz would be writing the series. Since then, I have gone back to classic past issues and remembered why I found Legion so different from anything else around back then and now. I love the direction of ADVENTURE COMICS as well. I wanted to thank you for the LEGION ANNUAL #1. Especially the art style, which reminded me of the great Jack Kirby. I just finished reading an autobiography of the "King." He was truly "the creator" of creators. Thank you, Keith Giffen, for bringing back the style that dominated many of the books I read as a child. It was a great Annual.*

*Oliver Ortiz*
*Brooklyn, NY*

**Keith's certainly spent a long time dancing around the King's influences that Keith finally embraced it whole hog! And with super-inkers like John Dell and Scott Koblish polishing it off, no artist can go wrong!**

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**C'mon back next month for the wrap-up to our "Legion Academy" arc. The lessons these teens learn could very well prove to be fatal...**

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BATMAN, ONE FIST RAISED IN A LAST PATHETIC ACT OF DEFIANCE, A BRAVE OATH DYING ON HIS LIPS, AS I CRUSHED THE LIFE OUT OF HIM.
AND ABOVE IT ALL, MY LAUGHTER RISING OVER THE CRACK OF HIS BONES.
HA HA HAHAHAH!
I'LL NEVER LET YOU WIN!
NEVER!
RUINS
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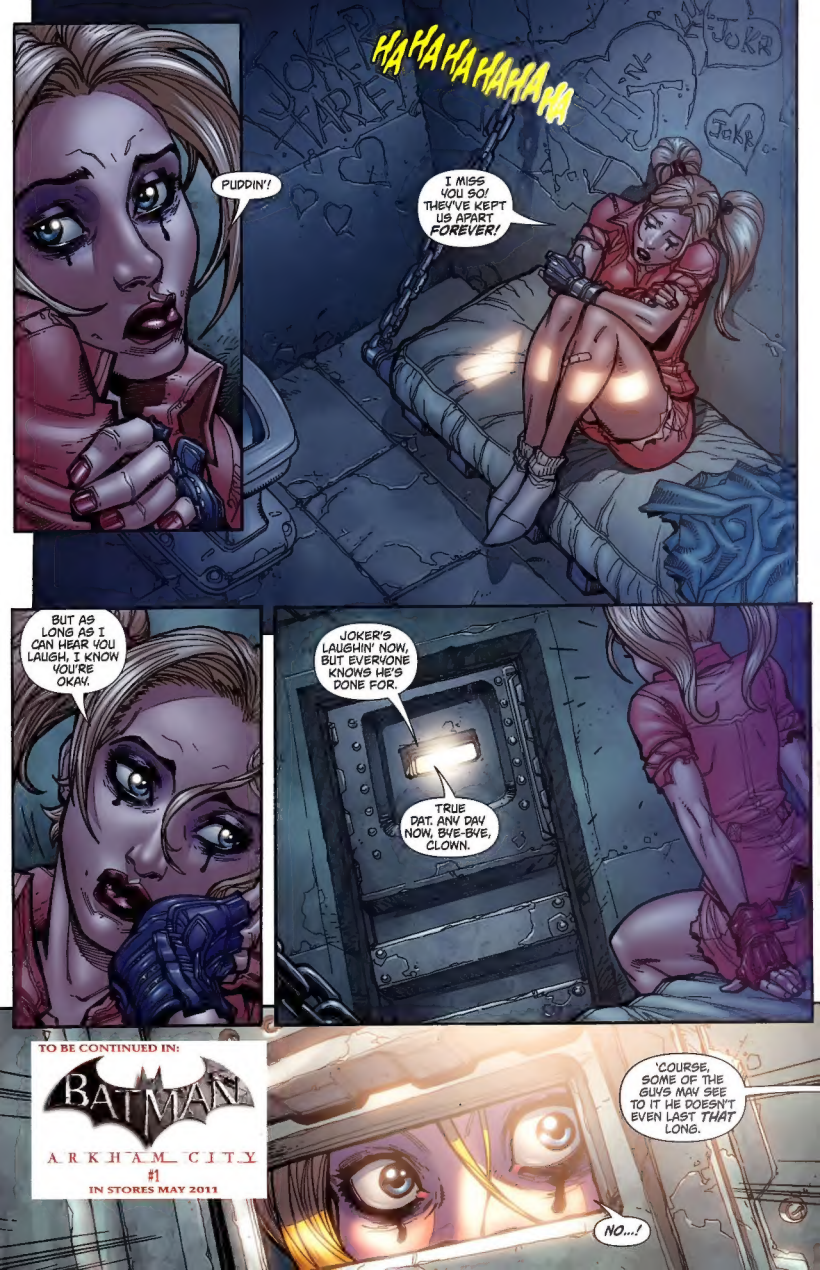
SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW

BUT HE CHEATED! USED HIS BAT-SPRAY DYNAMITE TO BREAK THE RULES.
NOOO!!
SPOILED MY LOVELY PARTY FACE, TOO.
MY NIGHT WAS OVER. ARKHAM SECURED, GOTHAM SAVED, AND ALL THE REST OF THAT HEARTWARMING CRAP.
AND IF I WAS TAKEN BACK AGAIN, LIKE ALWAYS.
UHH.. AGGHH!
TO REST, AND TO PLAN FOR NEXT TIME.

KOUGH! AHHK!
EXCEPT I KNOW DAMN WELL THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A NEXT TIME.
THE TITAN FORMULA DID SOMETHING TO ME... I'D BE CRAZIER THAN USUAL TO DENY IT.
FOR SIX MONTHS I'VE FELT IT EATING ME AWAY AS I'VE LAIN HERE IN SOLITUDE. THIS IS HOW IT ENDS THEN...
NO CITY IN FLAMES, NO ESCALATING DEATH COUNT, NO BATMAN BREAKING HIS PROMISE TO NEVER KILL. HIS ANGUISH IS SO COMPLETE THAT HE BARELY FEELS MY HIDDEN BLADE WHISPER INTO HIS HEART.
A FINAL JOKE, OLD FRIEND, WE TAKE OUR LAST BOW TOGETHER.
THE RAINBOW'S END. HAPPILY EVER AFTER.
KOFF! KOFF!

JUST NOT FAIR DYING THIS WAY...
THOUGH IT IS A PRETTY GOOD JOKE ON ME.
HEH, HEH...
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!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PUDDIN'!
I MISS YOU SO! THEY'VE KEPT US APART FOREVER!
BUT AS LONG AS I CAN HEAR YOU LAUGH, I KNOW YOU'RE OKAY.
JOKER'S LAUGHIN' NOW, BUT EVERYONE KNOWS HE'S DONE FOR.
TRUE DAT. ANY DAY NOW, BYE-BYE, CLOWN.
TO BE CONTINUED IN:
BATMAN
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IN STORES MAY 2011
'COURSE, SOME OF THE GUYS MAY SEE TO IT HE DOESN'T EVEN LAST THAT LONG.
NO...!

# HI THERE!

Bob Wayne here, DC's SVP – Sales, with some exciting news from behind the scenes here at DC. Chances are good that you bought the comic you're reading from one of our specialty comic retailers. Those same retailers recently voted for the 2010 Diamond Gem Awards. And just announced by our colleagues at Diamond Comic Distributors:

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